



## **Own Your America Dream:** **Fiscal Integrity**

Speaker of the House Brian Bosma, with other members of the Indiana House Republican Caucus, introduces the 2013 agenda, entitled Own Your American Dream.

The following video focuses on Fiscal Integrity.



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OWN YOUR AMERICAN DREAM

Indiana's Future: Fiscal Integrity, Jobs, and Education

Financial Security for Future Generations

- Pass a balanced budget by living within our means
- Continue to eliminate wasteful government spending
- Make strategic investments and restorations

Background:

- Indiana is one of 9 states that now have triple-A credit ratings from all 3 agencies.
  - Standard & Poor's, Fitch, and Moody's
- Over the past two legislative sessions, Indiana has eliminated more than 40 government boards and commissions and more than 400 government appointments.
  - 2011: HEA1001, HEA1233, HEA1340, SEA1 & SEA549; 2012: HEA1002
- In September, the National debt surpassed the \$16 trillion mark for the first time. That equates to more than \$50,000 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.
  - 6 Important Historical Moments in our Nation's Debt – ABC News, September 6, 2012

Bridging the Skills Gap

- Improve career and technical education in high schools
- Increase and support dual credit programs
- Strengthen partnerships between industry and higher education
- Target investments on training programs with high potential

Background:

- 67% of manufacturing companies reported moderate to severe shortage of available, qualified workers. 56% anticipate the shortage to grow worse in the next three years.
  - Boiling point? The skills gap in U.S. manufacturing: A report on talent in the manufacturing industry, sponsored by Deloitte and The Manufacturing Institute
- Indiana received a C- on our ability to provide quality human capital based largely on: first year retention rates at community and technical colleges, the share of associates degrees awarded on a per capita basis, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics tests scores.
  - 2012 Manufacturing & Logistics Report – Ball State Center for Business and Economic Research

Leaders in Classrooms: Leaders in Life

- Address key teacher shortage areas, such as math and science
- Promote early childhood education
- Expand education opportunities for Hoosier families
- Enhance partnerships between rural schools and educational groups

Background:

- In Indiana, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills have stayed in demand even through the economic downturn. There are 2.4 STEM jobs for every 1 unemployed person.
  - Vital Signs – Indiana; Change the Equation in Partnership with the American Institutes for Research – 2012
- The likelihood of not completing high school is three times greater for children in poverty vs. those who are not.
  - Childhood Poverty Persistence: Facts and Consequences – The Urban Institute, June 2010
- In Indiana, 61% of children (ages 3-4) are not enrolled in preschool. Only 6 states have a higher percentage of children not attending a preschool. National average is 53%.
  - National Kids Count Program; Children ages 3 to 4 not enrolled in preschool – 2008-2010

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